GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.095 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.570, 571 & 572 of Mutchkota RF, Maddipalli Beat, Mutchukota Section, Gooty Range, Ananthapuramu Division in favour of the Manager, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Gurugram for laying underground OFC along the road in "Papampet-Thimmampalle-Pulivendula route within RoW – Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 37 **Dated: 15-05-2025**

Read the following:-

1)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/8/2023- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 16.10.2023.
2)State Govt. Lr.No.2387/Section-II/2023/2245052, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 07.11.2023.
3)From GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office at Vijayawada, online Proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/439421/2023, dated 29.12.2023.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, AP., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15026/2023-FCA-1, dated 27.03.2025.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.2387/Sec.II/2023/2245052, E.F.S. & T. (Sec.II) Dept., dated 16.04.2025.
6)From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office at Vijayawada, online proposal No.FP/AP/OFC/439421/2023, dated 02.05.2025.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a statutory proforma proposal seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for the diversion of 0.095 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.570, 571 & 572 of Mutchkota RF, Maddipalli Beat, Mutchukota Section, Gooty Range, Ananthapuramu Division in favour of the Manager, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Gurugram for laying underground OFC along the road in "Papampet-Thimmampalle-Pulivendula route within RoW.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, was sent to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, for in-principle approval under Section 2 (1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub-Office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, has accorded in-principle approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, and has requested to submit the compliance report on the conditions stipulated therein within the stipulated time for final approval.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval, for onward submission to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-Office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, for final approval of the above proposal. The same has been forwarded to the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-Office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, for the grant of final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, vide letter in the 5th read above.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, has accorded final approval under Section 2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980, for diversion of 0.095 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.570, 571 & 572 of Mutchkota RF, Maddipalli Beat, Mutchukota Section, Gooty Range, Ananthapuramu Division in favour of the Manager, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Gurugram for laying underground OFC along the road in "Papampet-Thimmampalle-Pulivendula route within RoW, subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 0.095 ha. of forest land in Compartment Nos.570, 571 & 572 of Mutchkota RF, Maddipalli Beat, Mutchukota Section, Gooty Range, Ananthapuramu Division in favour of the Manager, M/s Bharti Airtel Limited, Gurugram for laying underground OFC along the road in "Papampet-Thimmampalle-Pulivendula route within RoW, subject to the following conditions:-

1. **General Conditions**

S.No.	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
1.2	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
1.3	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
1.4	No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
1.5	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.095 ha.
1.6	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
1.7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
1.8	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
1.9	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
1.10	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
1.11	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
1.12	The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
1.13	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
1.14	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
1.15	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No.5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.

2. **Standard conditions**

S.No.	Conditions
2.1	N/A

3. **Specific conditions**

S.No.	Conditions
3.1	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC Vol-1) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned.
3.2	Cost of planting of 100 trees shall be realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation.
3.3	The location details of the area identified for CA plantation shall be furnished along with compliance report.
3.4	The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS ID.
3.5	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District.

Copy to:

1.The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, 4th Floor, Block No.3, CGO Complex, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Inspector General of Forests
ROHQ, MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,
Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.
4.Bharti Airtel Ltd., Airtel Centre, Plot No.16, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV, Gurugram-122015, Haryana.
5. SC/SF

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER